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E.O.11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV LETTER ON ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPON

REF: A) STATE 008297, B) STATE 008295

1. AT JANUARY 13 POLADS MEETING WITH EXPERTS ON CSCE, NORWEGIAN SAID HIS PRIME MINISTER HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED LETTER FROM BREZHNEV ON ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPON, AND ASKED WHETHER OTHER ALLIES HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR LETTERS. FOLLOWING ALLIES SAID BREZHNEV LETTERS HAD BEEN RECEIVED. IN RECENT DAYS: ICELAND, NETHERLANDS, FRG, DENMARK AND GREECE. UK REP SAID UK HAD RECEIVED TWO--ONE RECENTLY, ONE IN NOVEMBER. ITALIAN SAID ANDREOTTI HAD RECEIVED ONE LETTER IN NOVEMBER. ICELAND REP HAS CIRCULATED HIS LETTER.

2. CANADIAN SAID NO BREZHNEV LETTER HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN OTTAWA, AND WONDERED WHETHER LETTERS WERE SENT ONLY TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. US REP SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT RECENT BREZHNEV LETTER HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON, AND SAID ALLIES WOULD BE INFORMED IF LETTER WERE RECEIVED. FRENCH REP SAID SHE HAD NO INFORMATION ON RECEIPT OF LETTER IN PARIS. OTHER ALLIED REPS DID NOT COMMENT.

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3. FRG SAID PERMREP PAULS WOULD RAISE BREZHNEV LETTER AND QUESTIONS OF NATO CONSULTATION ON IT AT PERMREPS LUNCH JANUARY 17.

4. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUEST: IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE BREZHNEV LETTERS UNDERSCORE THE DANGERS OF CONTINUED

FAILURE OF OUR ALLIES TO COME TO A DECISION ON THE ER/RB.
THE LETTERS SHOW THAT TIME IS AIDING SOVIET PROPAGANDISTS
AND THAT A NEGATIVE DECISION ON ER/RB COULD NOW BE CON-
STRUED AS BOWING TO SOVIET NON-LOGIC AND POLITICAL
PRESSURE.

5. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PERMREPS
DISCUSSION TO MAKE THESE POINTS AND A) URGE ALLIES TO COME
TO GRIPS WITH PROBLEM, B) UNDERSCORE THAT ANY REPLIES TO
BREZHNEV, ASSUMING THAT ALLIES INTEND TO REPLY, SHOULD
REFUTE SOVIET THESIS, POINT OUT THAT ER/RB IS IN PART A
REACTION TO THE SOVIET ARMOR BUILDUP AND NOTE SOVIET
DESTABILIZING ACTIONS SUCH AS SS-20 DEPLOYMENT. END COMMENT.
ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR JANUARY 17 PERMREPS
LUNCH. GLITMAN

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